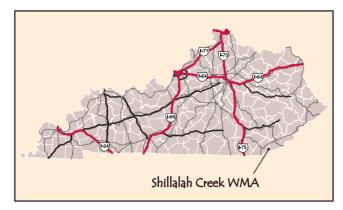


Shillalah Creek WMA General Information



Directions:

From Pineville - Travel approximately 10 miles northeast on US 119. Turn right on Hwy 987 and travel approximately 10 miles south to Mill Branch-Hensley Flats Road. This is an undeveloped road that requires 4WD. Or, from US 119, turn left on Hwy 1344. Turn left at the intersection with Hwy 217 and travel — mile to the National Park Service Road. This road is open only to authorized vehicles and foot travel is required.

Shillalah Creek WMA Information:

Shillalah Creek WMA is located in southeastern Bell and southwestern Harlan Counties. The area consists of two



tracts; the 2,140-acre Brush Mountain Tract and 500-acre Shillalah Creek Tract, which encompassing the watershed of Shillalah Creek, a small, fast-running, cold-water stream that flows into the Clear Fork of the Cumberland River. The area is entirely forested with extremely rugged, steep terrain and many high cliffs. Elevations range from 1,500 to 3,100 feet above sea level. Good to moderate populations of deer, turkey, grouse, squirrel, furbearers and songbirds exist on the area. No camping or horseback riding is allowed on the WMA. The area is open under statewide regulations for all game species. See the Fall Hunting and Trapping Guide for additional information concerning hunting seasons.

Shillalah Creek WMA shares part of its boundary with the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, which encompasses the gap through which many early settlers entered Kentucky from Virginia. The historic Hensley Settlement lies on top of Brush Mountain, just south of the southern border of the WMA. This area consists of large meadows and historical cabins used by the settlers. Hiking, camping, picnicking, and interpretive programs are available on the park. Contact the National Park Service at 606-248-2817 for more information.

WMA Management Objectives:

The management objectives on Shillalah Creek WMA are:

- 1) to manage wildlife areas toward the creation, enhancement, and sustainability of permanent wildlife habitats and populations;
- 2) to manage areas for the preservation and enhancement of public outdoor recreational opportunities;
- 3) restore wildlife species to their natural habitats;
- 4) to provide opportunities for fish and wildlife education:
- 5) to provide demonstrations of sound wildlife management practices.

General Guidelines:

All specific information on area use for hunting, fishing, and other activities can be found in one of the many guides published by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

- 1. Vehicles must remain on maintained roads.
- **2.** Parking is limited to areas provided near gates and graveled areas.
- 3. Do not block gates or access roads.
- **4.** Access beyond gates is by foot travel only.
- 5. No ATV's, camping, open fires, or horseback riding is permitted on WMAs. Except ATVs are allowed on designated ADA areas with proper permits and horseback riding is allowed on designated horseback riding trails as marked on the map. Not all WMAs have ADA areas or horseback riding trails.
- **6.** Access to the WMA across private land is by landowner permission only.
- **7.** Please respect private property. Area boundaries are marked by signs and yellow paint.
- **8.** Hunters shall not discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a boat ramp, a residence, or occupied building. This applies whether or not the building is on the WMA.
- Please refer to the current Kentucky Hunting and Trapping and Sport Fishing and Boating Guides for hunting, fishing and boating information.

Telephone Numbers:

WMA Manager: 606-878-9595

KDFWR Information line:

1-800-858-1549

Telecheck:

1-800-CHK-GAME (1-800-245-4263)

Licenses/Quota hunt applications: 1-877-598-2401

To Report Wildlife Violations Only:

1-800-25A-LERT (1-800-252-5378)